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We follow in Christ's footsteps

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Plus Programme

In the autumn term, our school trialled an exciting programme to help children develop key reading skills. After the success of this trial in Years 4, 5 and 6, we have decided to roll out the programme to Year 3 when their reading level allows. This may mean your child is still working on other reading activities until they are able to access the programme. Children will be able to access the programme regularly at school and, ideally, at home.

Reading Plus gives children access to a huge range of online texts, specifically targeted at their reading level. It provides opportunities to develop children's fluency (the speed and accuracy with which they read), their comprehension (their understanding of what they have read) and their vocabulary.

Children will access the programme three times per week in school. In order to provide maximum benefit, they should also access it twice per week (for around 15 to 20 minutes) at home. Please note that *Reading Plus* is not intended to replace reading for pleasure. Your child should, therefore, also continue to read their reading book at least three times per week at home. If your child is unable to access the programme at home, we will endeavour to provide an extra opportunity during the week for them to do so at the beginning of lunch time.

Your child has already completed an initial assessment for the programme. This means that when they log on to Reading Plus, the texts available to them will be specifically matched to their level and the speed of reading will be aligned to their personal reading speed. Every child will, therefore, be able to make progress from their own starting point. Your child has been given their log-in details. To log in, they just need to go to login.readingplus.com and select 'I'm a student'. Children's log-ins are their first name and initial of their surname without spaces. Eg. tomD, with the exception of one or two children who have the first two letters of their surname. Children know their own passwords. Our site code is: rpspatcp1.

The children have been shown a short video explaining Reading Plus. You may like to watch this as it gives a good overview of the programme and how it works. The video, which lasts around 4 minutes, is available here.

https://youtu.be/iNrs_Terub8

We are very excited to see all that this programme offers and hope that it has a positive impact on children's reading. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Parry KS2 and English Lead

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